

The Intelligencer.

THE Republican meeting at the Court House on Saturday, which was called for a special purpose, viz: to send delegates to the Clarkburg Convention, was quite as large as could have been anticipated, and larger than we expected to see. There was manifested a fair share of old time interest in Republican principles and in the results of the coming canvass. The county sends a very respectable delegation to Clarkburg.

It seems by the Charleston Journal that the man named Hoffman Atkinson, an appointed member of the morning session of the National Convention, is a resident of West Virginia, and is a resident of New York, and a Democrat. Says the Journal:

"We are informed that he was never a resident of West Virginia, that during the war he lived a few months in the vicinity of Parkersburg, and speculated in oil, but as soon as he finished his speculations he left the State, and has never been in it since."

"We want to enter our solemn protest against General Grant's appointing New York Democrats to important Government offices, and crediting them to West Virginia as Republicans. It is an outrage that will not be quietly submitted to."

Considering that the editor of the Journal is P. M. (which is Post Master) at Charleston, and also the party to whom the cousin-in-law of the Administration addressed his third-term letter, the closing remark of his article would seem to indicate that the third-term business is entirely played out in West Virginia.

PRESIDENT GRANT FOR CONKLING.

The president has been talking over matters and persons with colored Congressmen Haralson, of Alabama, in a decidedly inward way, if a New York Herald special is to be trusted. He began by asking how the colored people were feeling, and what was the outlook at the south. Haralson told him the colored people were a good deal unsettled and divided, some preferring Morton, some Conkling, some Brewster, but they "wouldn't think" of Mr. Blaine. In his own State of Alabama, there was a preference for Brewster; the old whigs were drawn toward him as a southern union man, and the colored people, since the Supreme Court's action in the enforcement cases, were seriously thinking that the Republican candidate least obnoxious to the white southerners would perhaps be the best candidate for the black ones. The President said he would do all in his power to protect the colored people. Morton was a good Republican and a strong man, but so was Conkling; Conkling had always been upright and consistent; Conkling's reputation had never been assailed; Conkling would make an excellent President. In reply to a direct question, the President said he was decidedly in favor of Conkling, and thought he would be the strongest candidate the party could put up. Haralson thinks this distinct expression of the President's preference will have great weight with the colored people, who, he says, look upon Conkling as a "second Grant."

STARKE NEWS.—Major Cooper's Fair-

mountain Fair is again on our table, reduced to its usual size but nevertheless a very creditable issue after such a fire. Its red-hot wings will grow out to full length again in a short time.

The Catholic Messenger is the name of a

new monthly paper started at Parkersburg.

Potatoes are quoted at one dollar per bushel at Braxton C. H., but butter can be had for 15 cents, and eggs at 8. Down at Moundsville butter is quoted at 25 and eggs at 15.

Mr. Lamb is nominated by a correspondent of the Charleston Courier for the Supreme bench. We run no risk in saying that Mr. Lamb would not accept the position.

Hersford is being brought gently under fire in the Courier, but for all that, according to our Charleston letter this morning, he is almost sure to get the nomination over Walker or Kenna.

The President of the Excelsior Literary Society at Kingwood is a man of extraordinary mettle. His decision in some matter was over-ruled by the Society, whereupon he tendered his resignation.

They still have winter up in the mountains. A writer in the Preston county Journal says:

"The sound of sleigh-bells and shodsheds is music to us instead of the notes of the feathered songsters."

Father Zevy, late of the Mannington Vestal, is giving magic lantern exhibitions. As usual, he is engaged in throwing light on subjects.

J. M. Kerr, of Morgantown, filled his house this winter with packed snow, failing to get anything better.

The American House at Kingwood is for sale.

The Piedmont Independent says the Virginia Coal Company, near Piedmont, will send to the Philadelphia exposition a section of a seam of coal fourteen feet high with but four inches of impurities.

We are glad to see by the New Martinsville Vindicator that several families from Ohio have moved into Wetzel county this spring.

A reader of the Vindicator wishes some one to tell him through that paper "where Cain got his wife, if Adam and Eve were the first pair of human beings."

No license this year down at New Martinsville.

Neighborhood News.—The new bridge over the mouth of Buffalo, at Wellburg, cost \$2,500, and is pronounced a first-class structure.

Our Wellburg correspondent (G. B. C.), speaking of the town election on the 6th, says that the ticket chosen is substantially the same as last year, and is a license ticket.

The Fairview (Harrison county, Ohio), Enterprise makes this naughty little fling at our neighbors:

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CONGRESS.

HOUSE.

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The proceedings of the House were limited to a delivery of speeches by Mr. Lawrence in favor of the bill introduced by himself in relation to land patents. The bill applies mainly to military titles in Ohio and Kentucky, and provides that all actions to recover land patents, the statute shall for purposes of limitation have effect as if issued when the entry was made. It is designed to give the benefit of limitation in these cases where there may be a long delay in issuing the patent.

Adjourned.

The McKee Trial.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—The case of McKee on motion in arrest of judgment was taken up in the U. S. Circuit Court this afternoon and argued. The point made was that the indictment was defective in having been returned by the Circuit Court, which had no jurisdiction in the case, the original indictment never having been remitted as required by the statute, but only a copy, upon which the defendant had been tried.

The Court stated the point was a novel one and required the counsel on both sides to file briefs within six days.

During the argument Judge Dillon interrupted Judge Krum, and said if the position suggested was sound, then the defendant, had he been acquitted on his trial, might have been tried again on the original indictment.

Judge Krum admitted this, and said the same principle would be found to underlie a former trial in this Court.

This was taken to be a reference to the Babcock trial. The defendant in that case was tried and acquitted on a transcript of an indictment remitted to the Circuit Court by the District Court, and if the motion in McKee's case should prevail it will vitiate the proceedings in all such cases, and then Judge Krum said that he would not move for a new trial on the original indictment returned to the District Court. The point excited much interest with the profession and the Court's decision is looked forward to with interest. If this point is overruled the defendant may on writ of habeas corpus call the case to the United States Supreme Court, and this course, if taken, will be likely to postpone final action in the matter almost indefinitely.

At the close of the argument Judge Dillon deferred Judge Krum's motion for a new trial in this case was informal; that the motion should be to dismiss, and Judge Krum accepted the suggestion and modified his motion accordingly.

At the Attorney Dyer asked the Court that forfeiture of Avery's bond be entered, but stated that if that gentleman appeared on Thursday as ordered by the Court he would interpose no objection to setting aside the default. Avery's securities were then called and Avery's bond set aside.

Arrest of Charles B. Wilkinson.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—U. S. Detective Finnegan arrested, in this city, Chas. B. Wilkinson, ex-Collector of Internal Revenue for the western district of Missouri, for the embezzlement of stamps to the amount of \$12,000. Wilkinson left Missouri eight or nine months ago, and went to New York, thence to Australia, arriving here in February under the name of Brown. Wilkinson claims that the embezzlement was effected by subornation of perjury and professes willingness to return and stand a trial. He will be taken east in a few days.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 8.—The announcement of the arrest of Charles B. Wilkinson, late United States Collector for this district, caused much excitement in this city. Although the announcement was a surprise to some, there were very many who believed that Wilkinson was in this country, and were looking for his arrest. It is confidently expected that Wilkinson will make a clean breast of it, and throw the whole matter upon the operations of the whisky ring in the Northwest. It is reported that Sheenan, the absconding distiller, will soon return. It is thought that the whole blot of the conspiracy has fallen out, and that the public will soon be in possession of all the facts.

Moving the Headquarters of the Army.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—Orders were received here yesterday from Gen. Sherman to Gen. Mipple, Chief of Staff, to begin the removal of the Army Headquarters to Washington at once. Preparations were commenced immediately, and last night a number of large cases were shipped. The acting chief clerk will leave for Washington tomorrow, and the remainder of the clerical force to-morrow evening. The officers of the staff will leave next week. Pending the removal, business of the headquarters will be performed at the War Department, Washington.

POSTMASTER FILLERY.

The Globe-Democrat this morning has an article on the investigation of Postmaster Filley, just concluded. It says that such investigations are generally farces, and accuses Mr. Filley with making compulsory assessments upon the employees of his office in the fall of 1873, and asks the Committee on Expenditures of the Missouri Pacific to look into the matter.

Murder and Snide.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—T. G. Settle shot and killed Samuel Correll at Potosi, on St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad, yesterday, and then returned home and shot himself, inflicting a mortal wound. Settle had been station agent at Potosi and had been removed at the instigation of Correll, who was an engineer. This created very hard feelings between them and was the cause of the tragedy.

THE NEW RECEIVERS.

of the Missouri Pacific and Atlantic & Pacific Railroads qualified yesterday by giving bonds in half a million dollars each. They subsequently held a meeting and decided to separate the two roads according to the decree of the Court. D. R. Garrison was elected General Manager of the Missouri Pacific, and Capt. C. W. Rogers, who was recently appointed Acting Superintendent of the two roads, was chosen General Superintendent of the A. & P. road. Ward Cummins, Superintendent of the Western Division of the Missouri Pacific, was appointed Acting General Superintendent of that road.

Suicide of a Stock Broker.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—George W. Hewes, a stock broker, committed suicide last night by hanging himself in his office, on Third street. Financial troubles are the supposed cause. His business partner, John S. Rushton, committed suicide a year ago by shooting himself.

Fell Down a Shaft.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 8.—James Brown, Superintendent of the Avondale coal mines, fell down the shaft yesterday, and was terribly mangled. He died instantly. The mines have just been opened. The shaft is 280 feet deep. He leaves a family.

Prize Court.

HAVANNA, April 8.—In an edict published by the Gaeta naval authorities a call is made on the owners of the steamer Octavia to appear before the prize court within 20 days and make whatever declaration they consider best. The prize court in regard to the vessel will be rendered on the 24th inst.

Death of Mrs. Gen. Butler.

BOSTON, April 8.—The wife of Gen. B. F. Butler died this morning.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Floyd County Convention.

NEW ALBANY, April 8.—The Democratic Convention of Floyd county was held in this city today. There was a large attendance from all points of the county. Delegates were selected to the State Convention and instructed to cast the vote of the county for Hon. W. S. Holman for Governor.

Resolutions were passed indorsing Hon. M. C. Kerr, the Representative in Congress from this District, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Democratic representatives in the present Congress have very justly promoted our fellow citizen, Hon. M. C. Kerr, to the high and honorable position of Speaker of the House; and whereas, in that position as an honest, upright and capable statesman, tried and true; therefore

Resolved, That the Democracy of Floyd county, congratulate themselves, their brethren of the Third Congressional District, and the country generally, on having chosen so able a representative, and that we point with pride to his career as an American Statesman.

Resolved, That the Democracy of this county in Convention assembled do hereby extend to him our warmest greetings and hearty endorsement.

No resolutions were passed on the currency question or other topics.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AT SALT LAKE.

SALT LAKE, April 8.—The Democratic Territorial Convention met here this evening, and J. P. Page and R. C. Chambers were elected delegates to the St. Louis Convention. No instructions as to vote.

A Young Man Avenges His Sister.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—About 6 o'clock this morning a young man about 18 years old named Shane called at the house of W. J. Jiz, 2222 Pine street, and charged him with the seduction of his sister, named L. Shane. An altercation occurred, and Shane shot Jiz, inflicting what is believed to be a mortal wound. Jiz then shot young Shane, wounding him very severely. The facts of the case are not all known yet, but it appears that Jiz did seduce Shane's sister and subsequently produced an abortion upon her. Mrs. Shane, the mother of the young lady, has a civil suit now pending in the Circuit Court against Jiz for seducing her daughter, and a day or two ago Jiz was charged with the crime of shooting his sister.

William McKee was then called and the motion for a new trial in this case was overruled. Judge Krum stated that a motion for arrest of judgment was on file and the Court adjourned with the announcement that argument on it would be heard this afternoon.

Chicago Whisky.

CHICAGO, April 8.—In the Freisinger & Seannish whisky case today the evidence for the defense and in the rebuttal was concluded. Mr. Burke, Assistant District Attorney, addressed the jury on the part of the prosecution, making a strong speech and bringing to light the important points of the testimony. At the close of his speech the Court adjourned until Monday, when Messrs. Storrs and Murphy will speak for the defense.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

G. M. Wheeler, President of the La Crosse National Bank, which is reported to have defrauded its patrons out of \$125,000, gave himself up, and was held by United States Commissioner Herrin in \$50,000 bail.

Petition for Pardon of Maguire.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—A petition was put in circulation this afternoon, and signed by many leading citizens and it is said by the counsel for the Government, asking President Grant to pardon Constantine Maguire, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a woman on the promise of marriage. Last night the girl was confined, and when her brother Samuel, who was only 17 years old, learned of her condition, the disgrace and ruin of his sister drove him nearly mad. He obtained permission, went to Jiz's house, charged him with the crime and met his death as above stated.

Beecher.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Soon after the adjournment of the advisory Council, the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon appealed to Prof. Smythe and the committee of Andover Church to assume the responsibility of presenting a petition against Mr. Beecher and maintaining them before the investigating committee. Prof. Smythe in reply to Bacon's appeal has written a long letter, in which he explains why, in his judgment, the church cannot take action. He holds that the church in its origin, authorship and proposed constitution, fails to meet the judicial requirements of the case, and he has ascertained that several important witnesses will not testify before that body, although he is anxious to go before a mutual council of Andover and Plymouth Churches. He therefore falls back upon the Andover letter as offering the only basis for a thorough investigation of the scandal. His position is the same as that of the New York City Vestal Club, the case to come off in June. This yacht is called the Countess of Deffrin, and is 221 tons measurement. It is believed that the New York Club will waive the six months' notice required under the rules, and that the race will take place.

Suicide.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—A special to the Republican from Kansas City says: Mrs. Bombach, wife of a prominent tobacco-nist committed suicide this afternoon. Domestic trouble is the alleged cause. Mr. Bombach was nearly crazed when told of his wife's death, and the interference of friends alone prevented him from killing himself.

Accidentally Drowned.

CINCINNATI, April 8.—Frank Rober, Charles Geitz and George Erber, of New York City, opposite this city, were drowned in the Ohio river today. They had been rowing on the river and while attempting to land the boat was drawn under a barge. The bodies have not been recovered.

Walking and Trotting.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—O'Leary, the Chicago pedestrian, about midnight completed the feat of walking 500 miles in 136 hours and 32 minutes. He made the 49th mile, trotting a pattern bull, built by Goldsmith Maid trotted against Golden Gate yesterday at Bay District Park, the latter to run a mile and 550 yards. Maid won in 2:04, beating Gate 3 seconds.

Body Found.

LOUISVILLE, April 8.—A body of a man was discovered in the canal today, which was very much decomposed. The pockets of his pants were filled with stones. The body is supposed to be that of Robt. Cusackin, who has been missing since March 6th. One of Cusackin's arms was missing, but whether he was killed or thrown in the canal to die, is not definitely known.

Accidental Shooting.

OMAHA, April 9.—David Shipley, a farmer, living ten miles north of here, while endeavoring to extricate a cartridge from a vesting pattern bull, yesterday discharged the weapon. The charge took effect in the body of his wife, killing her instantly. They have been married about a year. The woman leaves a little child.

FIRE RECORD.

The Fire in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, April 8.—A fire broke out this afternoon, supposed from combustion, in the wholesale drug store of Wm. H. Brown & Bro. No. 35 South Sharp street, which destroyed the building and stock. Loss on stock estimated at \$150,000 and on building \$50,000. Damage to adjoining buildings \$25,000. Insurance \$100,000. Six or eight firemen were injured, but none seriously.

OMAHA, April 9.—At 3 o'clock this morning an old frame building known as the "first postoffice" was discovered to be on fire. Before the fire department got on the ground it was partly destroyed. The flames communicated to McClure & Smith's cracker factory adjoining, which was badly damaged by fire and water. The loss on the frame building is about \$500, uninsured; on the factory \$10,000, fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary, as tramps were seen in the vicinity shortly before the destruction of the building.

Worcester, Mass., April 9.—Music Hall and a dwelling house in Athol, were burned last night. Loss \$75,000.

The St. Louis Whisky Cases.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—The U. S. Circuit Court was densely packed this morning by spectators to hear Judge Dillon's decision in the McKee, Maguire and Avery cases. The Court first took up some railroad cases, and after disposing of them proceeded with the Maguire case. The five counts in the indictment standing against the defendant and to which he pleaded guilty, charging him with the crime of seducing the girl, were read by the Court. Judge Dillon then asked if W. O. Avery was present and Judge Krum, his counsel, stated that he was not; that he could not get here on account